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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to moderate, best for features. Food service was also light to moderate, at times good into fast food for promotions. Supplies were generally sufficient with smaller sizes in the East close balanced. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair, better where weekend needs increased. Breast items were adequate to ample with slow clearance. Dark meat was adequate to close for leg quarters, and wings were close to tight and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

Preliminary Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/15/04-11/19/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	58.00-61.00	50.00-74.75	60.48	30
Los Angeles	81.00			
New York	60.00-63.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	70.00-74.00	51.00-75.50	72.28	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
991	70.75-76.75	74.59

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	170.00	1,283
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	5,099
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,358
THIGH MEAT - B/S	71.50	1,055
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	6,699
WINGS	87.00	2,743

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Chicago area preliminary prices for next week's deliveries were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were light to balanced. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for featured items and into fast food establishments. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable to heavy. Supplies of breasts were adequate to ample, wings tight, and leg quarters adequate to close. The trade sentiment was firm on wings, fully steady on dark meat parts, steady to fully steady on breast cuts, and barely steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair, instances moderate for active retail and fast food promotions; also, interest for traditional holiday items was building. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, but mostly fair to moderate and improved. Breast items were at least adequate, dark meat was available, and wings were balanced to close with increased inquiries. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN The market tone was steady with most trading for next week at unchanged prices. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

Ads this week:

Southern California- wholebody 55-99, cut up 129-169, boneless breast 177, boneless thigh 168, boneless leg 118, bone in breast 168-199, leg quarter 48, thigh 87, drum 87, roaster 128-129, deli- rotisserie 498, fried 8pc mixed 498, D&T 399;

Northern California- boneless breast 199-499, bone in breast 199, organic 398-499, cornish hen 298;

Arizona- boneless breast 149-449, boneless thigh 199, bone in breast 199, thigh 69, drum 69;

Colorado- wholebody 100, cut up 100, boneless breast 399, buy 1 get 1 free, bone in breast 100, leg quarter 100, thigh 100-149, drum 100-149, deli- rotisserie 499.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient and clearing satisfactorily with 3 pound and lighter sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were sufficient with legs and thighs well cleared. Wings were in close balance.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as fair to mostly moderate Seller offerings on the 3 pound and lighter sizes were in good balance and well cleared; heavier sizes were adequate. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were light to moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally sufficient and were clearing satisfactorily on most items. Legs were noted as in good balance and whole breasts were available and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

	11/12/04	11/11/04
RANGE	58-83	53-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.60	65.40
NO. OF BOXES	8,495	8,811
CUMULATIVE		
	11/08/04-11/12/04	65.10
	11/10/03-11/14/03	63.15
NO. OF BOXES	11/08/04-11/12/04	42,193
	11/10/03-11/14/03	43,979

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	700	108.00-155.00	112-120	117.71	2,783	118.13
TENDERLOINS	295	98.00-178.00	100-115	113.76	1,022	113.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	75.00-82.00	78-80	77.66	477	78.22
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				240	55.67
LEGS	83	29.00-50.00	30-31	32.29	368	31.68
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.56	2,044	25.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,145	26.00-33.00	27-28	27.58	3,915	27.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	80.00-94.00	83-85	83.11	1,204	83.16
WINGS (CUT)	547	92.00-105.00	100-105	101.63	1,741	101.22
DRUMSTICKS	54	29.00-58.00	-	35.33	230	41.29
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				105	34.41
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				263	75.25

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2004— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50 - 44.50	41.45	40.57

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as fair to moderate. Offerings of breast items were adequate to fully adequate with bone-in breasts slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were sufficient with legs in the better balance. Wings were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was fully steady on wings; generally steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	NOV 12 WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	-	125.93	621,970	125-130	125.82	524,660	124.65	3,135,972
TENDERLOINS	-	109.18	102,080	105-110	101.00	133,800	108.09	673,950
BREAST - WITH RIBS	-	77.31	96,240	68-69	85.10	141,440	78.23	605,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	-	68.72	118,320	68	67.78	127,920	68.61	611,920
LEGS	-	36.79	279,560	42-43	37.05	230,920	36.12	1,400,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	-	31.68	400,970	28-29	29.41	281,557	30.10	1,511,246
DRUMSTICKS	-	32.77	177,760	25-26	33.37	136,840	31.72	763,660
THIGHS	-	38.19	64,940	24-25	37.34	75,680	38.12	356,440
B/S THIGHS	-	74.60	59,000	75-76	73.44	45,960	70.96	334,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	-	93.07	96,280	84-85	92.09	103,720	94.15	645,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	-	11.48	46,200	10-12	13.20	91,680	12.29	243,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	-	28.18	16,520	30-35	28.73	17,080	29.47	95,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	-	64.87	17,240	60-65	64.45	23,960	63.29	102,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	11/12 11/11	11/10 11/07	11/10 11/07	11/05 11/03	
Alabama	4,124 4,093	4,043 4,273	5.28 5.05	4,273 5.31	
Arkansas	5,392 5,478	5,250 5,905	5.20 5.01	5,905 5.17	
Delmarva	2,008 2,256	2,188 2,336	5.57 5.57	2,336 5.61	
KY-LA-TN	2,268 2,101	2,088 2,463	5.13 5.03	2,463 5.11	
Mississippi	3,485 2,848	2,829 3,357	5.57 5.65	3,357 5.59	
North Carolina	2,357 2,485	2,436 2,589	6.40 6.37	2,589 6.44	
Texas	2,508 2,494	2,493 2,791	5.25 5.07	2,791 5.17	
Total	22,142 21,755	21,327 23,714	5.44 5.32	23,714 5.44	
Mon-Fri	108,662(A)			109,754(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Nov-04 and 13-Nov-04 is estimated to be 33,127,000 head down 6.91 percent from a week ago and up 6.00 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 35,585,000, last year 31,253,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 13-Nov-04 is estimated to be 161,499,000 head up 1.21 percent from a week ago, and up 2.81 percent from a year ago.
 (Last week 159,561,000, last year 157,078,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & up	107
HENS UNDER 5 LBS	-
HENS OVER 5 LBS	67-68
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	106-110
	ICE PACK	105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		175-192

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 30-Oct-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,455	25,607	50,906
Avg Weight	3.61	4.88	6.48
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%
Comparisons			
Last week	26,563	20,634	46,613
Avg Weight	3.78	4.82	6.60
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	22,698	24,710	36,344
Avg Weight	3.70	4.73	6.23
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
To date/2004	1,118,598	923,042	1,980,233
To date/2003	1,000,117	1,027,672	1,918,298

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 06-Nov-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	159,561	1,499	1,391	2,890	537
Avg Wt	5.32	3.43	8.18	5.72	6.43
Last week	160,527	1,433	1,519	2,952	480
Same wk yr ago	158,112	1,258	1,473	2,731	438
Avg Wt	5.04	3.48	8.00	5.92	6.71
To-date/2004	6,912,406	60,273	59,935	120,208	20,641
To-date/2003	6,802,899	63,789	61,966	125,755	18,250

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.5 million head, or 0.5 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - NOVEMBER 09, 2004
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.95 - 1.05	Silkie 2.00 - 2.75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.90 - 1.00	Geese 9-14 LBS .60 - .80
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 4.25ea.	Pigeons 2.00 - 2.10 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .25	White Pigeons 3.75 - 4.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.30 - .40	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .75 - 1.00
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .50	Rabbits 6-9 LBS .75 - .90
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies .75 - 2.00 ea.
4-6 LBS	.50 - .60	Guinea Pigs .01 - .03 ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Goats 40.00 - 45.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .60	Doves 2.50 - 2.75 ea.
Guinea Fowl	.75 - .85	
Banty Roosters	2.25 - 2.50ea.	
Banty Hens	1.00 - 1.25ea.	Total Coops Sold 528
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .20ea.	
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .25ea.	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 08-NOVEMBER-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	63.00-70.50	68.00-70.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-86.50	70.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 08-NOVEMBER-2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October	2 164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
	9 163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
	16 163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
	23 164.1	163.9	100%	5.41
	30 162.5	163.4	99%	5.33
November	6 161.5	162.0	100%	5.32
Year to date	6996.4	7110.2	98%	
November	13 159.1			
	20 154.1			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	11/13/04	11/06/04	% CHG	11/15/03	% CHG
Broilers	161,499	159,561*	+1.21	157,078*	+2.81
Cattle	605	589	+03	605	0
Hogs	2,010	2,083	-04	2,115	-05

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-32 MAJORITY 28-29

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-34 MAJORITY 30-33

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged fair to good, mostly fair to fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-8	6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-5	

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HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-NOV-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Bookings were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Sales were seasonally active. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

**NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY
FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOV-08-04**

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons continued in close balance with anticipated demand. Buying interest was fairly good for the November holiday period. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS.	1.65-1.80	MOSTLY 1.65-1.70
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GEESE:

Shipper asking prices were unchanged. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were in close balance with anticipated demand. Processors were operating regular schedules. Inquiries for early December shipments were about as expected. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS.	2.40-2.55	MOSTLY 2.45-2.55
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PRICES REPORTED FROM LATE OCTOBER THRU MID DECEMBER